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SHOUTS AND WHISPERS

It is the purpose of the Desert Whispers to be a positive force in Johnson Valley, by supporting local projects, informing the public, and giving credit as far as possible to those who serve their fellow man.

But we don't hear everything. It's a big valley. Your help will be appreciated.

For instance, we didn't give proper credit to Dick DuBois and Leo Boaz for their work on the Rock Corral water tank and pipe.

And credit goes to Carl Krohn, Dan Jarvis and Clarence Estes for their work on the rest rooms at the association hall.

Mrs. Charles Breese has spent hours making the proper contacts with the S.B. County authorities so that anyone in the Valley needing help will be eligible for county aid. Details are still to be worked out.

Did you know that the sheriff's Deputy Ted Dykes arrived in the Valley within 15 minutes after being called on a minor matter?

This brings to mind the need for not clogging the citizens band with chit-chat as so many of us do all too often. We're all guilty at times and can cut down a bit. Messages should have substance, and no one should be on the air more than five minutes at a time, even when talking to a different station.

Did you know there is a continuous rummage sale, or thrift shop, whatever you wish to call it, at the Grandview Improvement Association building? Books, clothes, household items and odds and ends are for sale. Contributions are welcome. At the moment the proceeds are being used for the additions to the building.

Several persons donated for the purchase of fuel for the tractor used in scraping some of the roads in the past month. The Stanleys, Nearys, Hookers --did we miss someone. Stan Coutant piloted the vehicle.

All the roads except the highway are off limits for county or state crews, so it is up to the residents to do what they can in the way of repairs.

A Teen Club has been organized in Lucerne Valley. Local members are Patsy and Terry Dumond and Linda Boyd. Adult assistance from this area is provided by Dean Piner, Sr., as a member of the Men's Club of St. Paul's Catholic Church.

G.I.A. TO ELECT OFFICERS

Officers will be nominated and elected at the April meeting of the Grandview Improvement Association, scheduled for 7:30 p.m. April 6 in the association building on Larrea Road.

The number of officers will be increased to give a wider representation on the board, President Alex Chernoff announced.

One new vice president and three additional board members will be named. Members of the nominating committee are Dan Jarvis, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Estes, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Valentine, and James Cathy.

Items being considered by the GIA include a rubbish disposal site, and telephones. New matters may be presented at any meeting, the president said.

All action has been halted on the proposed refuse disposal site, due to protests from property owners, it was announced at the March meeting.

The land office has been requested to withhold further action on the application until further notice.

Consideration will be given to a change of location, or to the possibility of a rubbish hauling service. A committee report is scheduled for the April meeting.

The Public Utilities Commission is reviewing General Telephone's request for a franchise for 36 sections in the Johnson Valley area. Applications are being accepted for service in person or by phone, at the Yucca Valley office, according to Mrs. Clarence Estes. If approved, details will be worked out with each individual subscriber.

Chernoff gave a brief report on water district funds, and announced that he is preparing a report for all property owners, based on all available information regarding the Mojave Water Agency, and Feather River water, as it will affect Johnson Valley. Plans for the mailing are being made.

Orders for home and car type fire extinguishers are being taken by the Association.

The meeting concluded with Rocky Nelson showing movies of progress in the Valley, including ground breaking for the GIA building.

All property owners are invited to join the association, which is dedicated to constructive progress in the Valley.

NEIGHBORHOOD HAPPENINGS

By Aileen DeVictoria

Happy to see Goldie Hopper back in our midst, but it was only temporary. She has returned to Long Beach to take care of her sister, and soon takes off for her home-state, Ohio, to visit her son and grandson.

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Several women in the area are attending a Yoga class which they find enjoyable and helpful.

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Nice to have Ruby Piner join the Ladies' Day pool session after an absence, which did not hurt her game.

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Sorry to report some of our good neighbors have been on the sick list. Ancel Cole spent a few days in Palm Springs Hospital and is now recuperating at home.

Burt Campbell spent a week in the Valley to speed recovery from a seige of lung congestion.

Kathy Peterson bedded down with the flu while she and Dean were busy getting settled here in the Valley permanently.

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Burt and Lucille Campbell entertained Burt's mother over St. Patrick's Day weekend. Mrs. Campbell is from San Jose.

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Gerry and Mary Neary entertained their guests, Earl and June Koski and son David.

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THE MONKEY'S VIEWPOINT
(Contributed by Evelyn Bendall)

Three monkeys sat in a coconut tree
Discussing things as they're said to be.
Said one to the others, "Now listen
you two--

There's a certain rumor that can't be true,
That man descends from our noble race -
The very idea is a disgrace.
No monkey ever deserted his wife,
Starved her babies and ruined her life,
And you've never known a Mother Monk
To leave her babies with others to bunk,
Or pass them on from one to another
Til they scarcely know who is their
mother.

And another thing you'll never see
A monk build a fence 'round a coconut tree
Forbidding all other monks a taste.
Why, if I put a fence 'round a coconut tree
Starvation would force you to steal from me.
Here's another thing a monk won't do -

SEARCH AND RESCUE MEET

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Roush hosted 24 members of the Search and Rescue group at their home last Saturday.

The next session is scheduled for April 20 at the home of Golda Gunning on Rock Corral Road.

Matters under discussion include plans for a trial run. Maps will be studied, and suggestions for alerting the public in an emergency will be considered.

Visitors are welcome.

Attending the last meeting were Buz and Ona Lamb, Burt and Lucille Campbell, Golda Gunning, Gale and Auline Ferris, Dean and Ruby Piner, Jerry Willis, Barbara Smith, Bob and Dottie Carter, Burl Moore, Jack Inns, Marie Stanley, Bill Cotter, Eva Hibbard, Harold and Ann Hawley, and the hosts.

Bill Cotter donated \$50 towards supplies for the new organization which is in the formative stage. -M. S.

COFFEE BREAK FOR DESERT EARS

The Desert Ears CB Club held its first coffee break at the Long Horn Tavern on March 20, with 60 in attendance. Due to the success of the event, a second coffee break is scheduled for 7:30 p.m., April 17, at the Golden Slipper in Landers.

Prizes were awarded, and the sum of \$56 was added to the club emergency fund. Many neighboring Hi-desert CB club members attended. Music was provided by Harold and Ann Hawley, Carmen Joy and Mr. Davis.

Marie Stanley won a beautiful painting by Harold Hawley, and Marion Page won a pen and pencil set.

BENEFIT BREAKFAST

Everyone is welcome to the benefit breakfast beginning at 9 a.m. on May 12 at the Homestead Assn. Hall in Landers.

Proceeds are earmarked for the emergency fund of the Desert Ears CB Club.

-- M. S.

NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Sok are new neighbors of the Nowickis in Johnson Valley.

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Mr. and Mrs. John Nauert of British Columbia were guests of Clay and Betty Quarles for the past week. John is the superintendent of British Columbia Lumber Company. He is Betty's brother.

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Go out at night and get on a stew,
Or use a gun or club or knife
To take some other monkey's life.
Yes, man descended - the ornery cuss -
But, BROTHER, he didn't descend
from US!

NORTH CENTRAL JOHNSON VALLEY NOTES

Visiting Sunny Acres early this month were Jim and Lavina Coke and their four children, and Lavina's mother, Mrs. Lida Turner.

Later in the month, the Coles were hosts to Don Cole, Shirley Cole, and children, and Kay Divine.

Gale Ferris held a summary court martial for a sidewinder at his cabin recently, possibly one of the first this season.

Meanwhile, back at Sunny Acres, Coley was busy putting a chuckawalla in a bird cage. He had brought it home from the mountains, the largest of the species he had ever seen. The cage was placed on the dining room table, and the Coles went visiting.

(Two hours pass and the Coles return)

The cage is empty!

Pearl brings all the cats in the house, calls the dog, climbs on a chair, and begins directing operations. The dog, Candy locates the creature. One chuckawalla returns to the mountains from whence it came.

IN APPRECIATION

On a more serious note, Mr. Cole stated "the people in Johnson Valley, our friends and neighbors, are the most wonderful you can find anywhere." He says a big thank you for the many offers of help given when he had to go to the hospital, and for messages of cheer from his many friends. "My wife and I, with grateful hearts overflowing with gratitude wish to thank you," Mr. Cole said.

SNOW - SAND - SERVICE

That was an Alaska track champ jogging across the desert early this month. He is Charles Glynn Estes Jr., grandson of Clarence and Flossie Estes. Charles set track records in Alaska while at school in Juneau. After visiting his grandparents in Johnson Valley, the champ joined the Marines. He took a little jaunt - 15 miles - while here. He's 18 years old.

His grandpa is no slouch either. Clarence the gentleman farmer is setting out plants, tomatos, berries, cabbages and peppers. We wish him luck, great luck, such an abundance that he has to call in the neighbors to help consume the harvest.

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I know you believe you understand what you think I said, but I am not sure you realize that what you heard is not what I meant.

Also - The weaker sex is the stronger sex because of the weakness of the stronger sex for the weaker sex.

The Desert Whispers welcomes your news, views, opinions, poems, ads, of course your subscription, your comments and criticisms, questions, suggestions. Let us hear from you.

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Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Goodridge, (Goody and Ina,) have returned from their travels. They went to Australia, the Fijis, and Hawaiian Islands. They still look forward to returning to Johnson Valley in the future.

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Flossie Estes is busy making very attractive and original tabel decorations for the Eastern Star installation.

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Friends of Henry Okamoto will be saddened to hear of his passing in Long Beach early this month. He suffered a heart attack. Mr. Okamoto had owned property in section 11, which he sold to Mr. and Mrs. James Clount about a year ago.

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DESERT EARS BOARD MEETING

Desert Ears board members discussed club by-laws at the March meeting, with ten members present.

New members accepted are Virginia DeShaw, Otis DeShaw, Margaret Peterman, Stan Walker, and Don and Willa Mae Buzzard.

Plans are underway to to publish a year-book for members, and to make available a list of all members and their call letters.

The by-laws committee includes Ancel Cole, Dean Piner, Bob Presley, Eva Hibbard and Ann Hawley. Others present in addition to the committee were Laurie and Tiny Randall, Ruby Piner, Mel Olin, Lucille Campbell, and President Burt Campbell.

The next board meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on April 5 at the Hawley's.

PLEASE CONSIDER

PAUL SIMON

FOR YOUR

SUPERVISOR

First District

Simon says "Forget me not"

On Election Day June 4

(Pol. ad.)

THE OLD HORNED TOAD

Our visitor to the Old Horned Toad arrived through the courtesy of the U.S. Mails this month. Paul Wilhelm writes from Thousand Palms and asks for a little historical data on the naming of Johnson Valley. We'll make an effort to oblige, in a future issue. Mr. Wilhelm suggests the name dates back to the first homesteaders, or "the old cattle folks who ran rampant out there 60 years ago - 'bout the time my Dad had 3,000 head of stock at Surprise Springs, guarded by old Tom Ackers or some such."

We'd like to meet Mr. Wilhelm in person. He probably has some interesting stories to tell, and he sounds like a real nice guy.

"At any rate," he says, "I sit in my palmy oasis here in the Palm Valley in the Indio Hills and dream of the tawny vistas out there, space and distance, and then the little out-croppings of mountains far off, and the moment is still, and I feel peace, reaching out from your horizontal land to my hill land and I rejoice that such as it exists, and its inhabitants, such as you, in love with a quiet spot on earth."

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When people want to get together in Johnson Valley, the "in" place in Timico Acres is the Chisel Inn. Quite a crowd of regulars and newcomers get together to observe just about any occasion, with Joe and Aileen DeVictoria as charming and gracious hosts.

The latest occasion was St. Patrick's eve, when Aileen served the best corned beef and cabbage this old Horned Toad has ever tasted. On hobo night it was stew, and on New Year's Eve - a big spread. Many surprise birthday parties have been held at the Chisel Inn. Honorees have included Bill Cotter, Woody Shehorn, Burl Moore and many others.

Just recently Joe obtained his license to serve cocktails, and other innovations will be forthcoming. So drop in at the Chisel Inn and meet your neighbors. They're nice people.

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This is a good time of year for you city fellers to come out and look at your desert property. Carpets of yellow flowers with a few blue ones cuddled up to the sage and greasewood; blue sky; crisp breezes; starlit nights; little things cheeping and buzzing and flying, and stirring up the nice desert smells. It's great!

-- M. C.

CHURCH NOTICES

Landers Community Church
Off the Old Woman Springs Road at the
Dixie Mine Road in Landers.

Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Worship Service	11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship	6:30 p.m.
Mid-week Hour of Power	

Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

Ladies Missionary Society, second
Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m.
with luncheon

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ST. PAUL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
Mesa Road, Lucerne Valley

Sunday Masses at 8 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Rev. Patrick J. Scanlan, Pastor.

ACCIDENT ON OLD WOMAN SPRINGS ROAD

Two persons were cut by broken glass when the car in which they were riding rolled over on the Old Woman Springs Road, three miles west of the Chisel Inn Tuesday evening.

Passersby reported the accident to the Chisel Inn where a call was sent by CB radio via Jake Jacobs to the CHP. Nancy Dumond assisted in relaying the call for an ambulance.

The injured were taken to the Yucca Valley Hospital. They were not local residents according to reports.

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"I fear the reason we have
toned down our principles is because
we have watered down our convictions.

--Sterling L. Price